

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Missouri

ELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT

The State covers low-income families and children under section 1931 of the Act.

The following groups were included in the AFDC State plan effective July 16, 1996:

 Pregnant women with no other eligible children.

 X AFDC children age 18 who are full-time students in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training.

 In determining eligibility for Medicaid, the agency uses the AFDC standards and methodologies in effect as of July 16, 1996, without following modifications.

 X In determining eligibility for Medicaid, the agency uses the AFDC standards and methodologies in effect as of July 16, 1996, with the following modifications.

 The agency applies lower income standards which are no lower than the AFDC standards in effect on May 1, 1988, as follows:

 The agency applies higher income standards than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, increased by no more than the percentage increases in the CPI-U since July 16, 1996, as follows:

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 The agency applies higher resource standards than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, increased by no more than the percentage increases in the CPI-U since July 16, 1996, as follows:

 X The agency uses less restrictive income and/or resource methodologies than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, as follows:

Resources above the July 16, 1996 resource maximum are disregarded.

Disregard, up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, the gross earned income of the adult parent(s) with whom a minor parent is residing for the purpose of determining eligibility of the minor parent.

Disregard earned income of parent caretakers under age 19 who are full-time students for purposes of eligibility and benefit determination.

Disregard all income of the family participating in a wage supplementation program.

Disregard 2/3 of earnings for recipients for one year after new employment begins. Apply the 2/3 disregard before the \$90 work expense standard. After the disregard has been applied for 12 consecutive months, it is not applied again until the family has been ineligible for Medicaid under Section 1931 for one year.

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The income and/or resource methodologies that the less restrictive methodologies replace are as follows:

Replaces all resource methodologies.

Counted the income of the adult parents of a minor parent in determining the eligibility of the minor parent.

Counted earned income of parent caretakers under age 19 who were full time students for purposes of eligibility and benefit determination.

Disregarded, for 9 months, all income of the family participating in a wage supplementation program.

The 2/3 disregard of earnings replaces the 30 1/3 disregard for recipients with new employment.

_____ The agency terminates medical assistance (except for certain pregnant women and children) for individuals who fail to meet TANF work requirements.

_____ The agency continues to apply the following waivers of provisions of Part A of title IV in effect as of July 16, 1996, or submitted prior to August 22, 1996 and approved by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1997.

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5. 402(a)(19)(A) and (B) and the provisions of 45 CFR 250.31 - JOBS Program ; Supplementation Earnings Disregard-- to allow the State to establish a voluntary supplemented employment component under which a recipient (or eligible spouse) will be paid assistance in the form of wages by an employer for up to 48 months. Such expenditures shall not exceed an amount equal to the amount which would have otherwise been payable to the recipient's family under the Temporary Assistance program if the family had no other income. This allows Medicaid to disregard the earnings from wage supplementation employment for 48 months.
6. 402(a)(8)(ii) and various provisions of the regulations at 45 CFR 233.20(a)(11)(i)(C) and (ii)(B) - Earned Income Disregards -- to allow the State to apply the \$30 and one-third disregards for up to 48 months for recipients participating in the demonstration.

Missouri Families - Mutual Responsibility Plan Demonstration

The following provisions would apply to Section 1931 recipients participating in the demonstration, but not to the control group.

1. Section 402(a)(1) and 205.120(a)(1): Statewideness -- to exclude families who are assigned to the control group from having the demonstration waivers applied to them.
2. Section 402(a)(7) and various provisions at 45 CFR 233.20(a): Earned Income Disregards -- to allow the State to disregard, up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, the earned income of the adult parent(s) with whom a minor parent is residing for the purpose of determining eligibility of the minor parent.

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3. Section 402(A)(7) and 45 CFR 233.20(a): Earned Income Disregard – to allow the State to disregard earned income of parent caretakers under age 19 who are full-time students for purposes of eligibility and benefit determination.
4. Section 402(a)(38) and various provisions of the regulations at 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(vii); 233.100(a)(1), (3)(iii) and (iv); and 233.101(a)(1), (3)(iii) and (iv): AFDC-Unemployed Parent (AFDC-UP) Requirements – to allow the State to determine AFDC-UP eligibility for parents under age 21 without applying the 100-hour rule and connection to the labor force requirement.
5. Section 402(a)(7)(B)(I) and various provisions of the regulations at 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(I)(B)(2): Resources – to allow the State to exclude the full equity value of one vehicle and up to \$1500 of the equity value of a second vehicle when determining an applicant or recipient family's countable resources.
6. Section 402(a)(7)(B) and 45 CFR 233.20 (3)(I)(B) including limiting terms and conditions: Resources – to allow the State to increase the resource limit to \$5000 for eligibility and benefit determinations for recipients who sign a self sufficiency agreement until completion of the agreement..

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Section 402(a)(18) provide that no family shall be eligible for aid under the plan for any month if, for that month, the total income of the family (other than payments under the plan), without application of paragraph (8), other than paragraph (8)(A)(v), exceeds 185% of the State's standard of need for a family of the same composition, except that in determining the total income of the family the State may exclude any earned income of a dependent child or parent caretaker under age 19 who is a full-time student, in such amounts and for such period of time (not to exceed 6 months) as the State may determine;

45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xvii) - In the case of AFDC, if the State chooses to disregard monthly income of any dependent child or parent caretaker under age 19 when the income is derived from participation in a program under the JTPA, provide that the State plan shall:....

45 CFR 233.20 (a)(3)(xix) - In the case of AFDC, if the State chooses to disregard monthly earned income of dependent children or parent caretakers under age 19 who are full-time students in the determination of whether the family's income exceeds the limit under 233.20(a)(3)(xiii) of this section, provide that the State plan shall specify what amounts will be disregarded and the length of time the disregard will be applicable...

3. Allows for AFDC-Unemployed parents under age 21 to not have to meet a definition of unemployed.

45 CFR 233.101(a)(1) - (a) Requirements for State plans. Effective 10-1-90, a State plan must provide for payment of AFDC for children of unemployed parents. A State plan under Tile IV-A for payment of such aid must: (1) [include a definition of an unemployed parent who is the principal earner which shall] apply only to families determined to be needy in accordance with the provisions in 233.20. [Such definition must include

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any such parent who: (i) is employed less than 100 hours a month; or (ii) exceeds that standard for a particular month, if the work is intermittent and the excess is of a temporary nature as evidenced by the fact that he or she was under the 100 hour standard for the prior 2 months and is expected to be under the standard during the next month; except that at the option of the State, such definition need not include a principal earner who is unemployed because of participation in a labor dispute (other than a strike) or by reason of conduct or circumstances which result or would result in disqualification for unemployment compensation under the State's unemployment compensation law.]

4. Allows one automobile to be exempt from consideration as a resource.

402(a)(7)(B): (a) A State Plan for aid and services to needy families with children must - (7) except as may be otherwise provided in paragraph (8) or (31) and section 415, provide that the State agency - (B) shall determine ineligible for aid any family the combined value of whose resources (reduced by any obligations or debts with respect to such resources) exceeds \$1,000 or such lower amount as the State may determine but not including as a resource for purposes of this subparagraph (i) a home owned and occupied by such child, relative, or other individual; one automobile and so much of the family member's ownership interest in [one automobile] a second automobile as does not exceed such amount as the Secretary may prescribe,.....

45 CFR 233.20 (3)(B)(2): (B) in AFDC - The amount of personal property that can be reserved for each assistance unit shall not be in excess of one thousand dollars equity value (or such lesser amount as the State specifies in its State plan) excluding only; - (2) one automobile, and a second automobile up to \$1500 of equity value or such lower limit as the State may

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specify in the State plan; (any excess equity value of a second automobile must be applied towards the general resource limit specified in the State plan;

5. Allows recipient's signing a self-sufficiency pact a resource maximum of \$5,000 instead of \$1,000.

402(7)(B) shall determine ineligible for aid any family the combined value of whose resources (reduced by any obligations or debts with respect to such resources) exceeds \$1000 for assistance units not enrolled in self-sufficiency agreements and \$5,000 for assistance units enrolled in a self-sufficiency agreement or such lower amount as the State may determine, but not including as a resource for purposes of this subparagraph Section 402(A)(10)(A) provide that all individuals wishing to make application for AFDC shall have opportunity to do so and that AFDC shall subject to paragraphs (25) and (26), be furnished with reasonable promptness to all eligible individuals; and....

45 CFR 233.20 (3)(B) in AFDC - The amount of real and personal property that can be reserved for each assistance unit not enrolled in a self-sufficiency agreement shall not be in excess of one thousand dollars and for assistance units enrolled in self-sufficiency agreements the amount may not be in excess of five thousand dollars equity value (or such lessor amount as the State specifies in its State plan) excluding only:

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